THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Detailed instructions were incorporated as license conditions, which *inter-alia* provide that the Service Providers are required to ensure adequate verification of each and every customer before enrolling him as a subscriber. This includes obtaining photograph and copies of prescribed documents for identity proof and address proof of the subscriber.

Keeping in view the importance of security conditions, the instructions were reiterated time and again, meetings were held with all the Service Providers to stress the adherence of the instructions issued by DOT.

As per the latest instructions, service providers were required to re-verify their existing subscriber base by March, 2007. Special drives were conducted in April and May, 2007 to audit the status of subscriber verification carried out by the mobile operators on sample basis. The auditing of the subscribers' identity verification is a continuous process.

Routine checks, in this regard, are carried out by DOT through its Vigilance Technical Monitoring Cells. Based on their observations, 133 show cause notices have been issued in last six months to the concerned service providers, wherever discrepancies/deficiencies were noticed, for imposition of penalty which is to be levied after following due procedure.

US sanctions on Iran

*6. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the US sanctions imposed on Iran; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The latest set of sanctions on Iran was announced by the US on Oct. 25, 2007. The US has designated serveral Iranian military and financial institutions and individuals as entities facilitating nuclear proliferation and financing terrorism. As per the sanctions, no US citizen or organisation will be allowed to engage in financial transactions with these persons and entities.

Government of India have consistently maintained that the nuclear issue of Iran should be resolved peacefully through dialogue and negotiations within the framework of the IAEA.

IHSDP in Cuttack

*7. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to develop infrastructure in Cuttack under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), a centrally funded project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Centre has also promised to resolve various other problems of slum dwellers in Orissa; and